

Minutes of the General Education, Overlay, and Code Subcommittee

March 8, 2023

Via Zoom

2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Jason Daniels, Patrick Fleming, Kevin Kaatz, Mee Sook Kim, Rita Liberti, Kathryn Palmieri, Steve Peng, Sharon Radcliff, Amy June Rowley, Mitchell Watnik, Nancy White.

Absent:

Guests: Hongwei Du, Jiming Wu, Sharon Neumann Solow (ASL), Jennifer ??? (ASL).

Kaatz convened the meeting at 2:02 PM.

1. Approval of the agenda (M White/S Palmieri/P). (There was an abstention.)
2. Approval of the minutes (M White/S Watnik/P). (There was an abstention.)
3. Reports
  - a. Report of the Chair and Director of General Education. The framework document was sent to CIC and was approved unanimously there, with a couple of amendments. One amendment added a prerequisite of A2 completion for A3. Also, the effective date was changed to 2024-5 Catalog so that the certification process can take place next year. CIC was also given the new assessment cycle. White and Kaatz will discuss the assessment cycle at CAPR next week. Kaatz requested that CAPR convene the GE Assessment Subcommittee. He also updated the GE webpage, including the new calendar changes and the syllabus information.
  - b. Report of APS. Watnik said that he believed that, when the “Critical Thinking” (GE A3) requirement is brought into the new GE package (reconciling with the UC’s “Critical Thinking” requirement, which is usually second composition at CSUEB), courses that satisfy both A3 and second composition will be retained as the new A3. Courses that only satisfy A3 will have to reapply to ensure that they meet the new characteristics. Palmieri reported that incoming frosh are being assigned to FASST advisors later this week and enrollment will begin early in April. It appears that we have slightly more students committing to Cal State East Bay at this point than at the same point in time last year.
4. Business / Discussion (all approvals below were unanimous unless specified otherwise)  
Note that approvals were not done in the order on the agenda due to guests / time-certain and so forth. These minutes record the actual order of approvals.
  - a. BAN 320 (M Fleming/S White/P) to approve the course for upper division B. Fleming praised the changes to the proposal. Peng gave an overview of the changes and thanked colleagues for their helpful input. Kaatz praised the syllabus and the indication of changes and how modalities affect teaching of the material. Wu explained how the course will assist students in CBE on-time graduation.
5. Old Business/Discussion

- a. [Possible changes](#) to Curriculog language. Kaatz reviewed potential changes to the language used on Curriculog for next year's cycle. There were specific questions about the syllabus. **(M White/S Kim/P) to approve the proposed changes.**
  - b. [Checklist](#) we can give chairs/college curriculum committees for working on their recertification proposals. There was discussion about various issues. Fleming brought up that running the impact report (and subsequent consultation that might result) would be important. Daniels and Grubbs asked about how Curriculog forms might emphasize where to look on the syllabus for assignments that show that assessment of the outcomes was occurring in the course.
  - c. [Acceptable assignment](#) list. There was discussion particularly about GE A1 and how much asynchronous was acceptable. While the document said at least 50% must be synchronous, there was a statement indicating that recordings may be permitted. Some members pushed that this be clarified to indicate that the recordings could be used for the asynchronous half. There was a spinoff question about online degree programs. Watnik noted that we have online (asynchronous) degree *completion* programs (meaning for the junior and senior years). He speculated that there might be a fully online program in a couple of years, but he believes that at least some parts (including A1) would be synchronous.
6. Information items. Kaatz corrected a typo on the agenda. The April 12 and 26<sup>th</sup> meetings are cancelled. The next meeting (March 22) should be the last meeting of GEOC.
7. Adjournment. (M White/S Palmieri/P). The meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Watnik